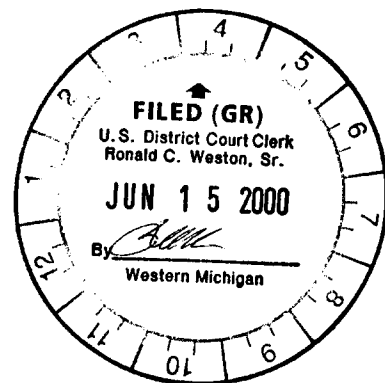


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN



RE: Weapons in the Courthouses
in Western District of Michigan

Administrative Order No. 00-039

1. General Rule. Except as otherwise provided in section 4 hereof or unless otherwise specifically authorized by the United States Marshal, no person (including any local, state or federal law enforcement officer or agent) other than the United States Marshal, a Deputy U.S. Marshal, a Court Security Officer, a Federal Judge, a Federal Protective Officer or a Federal Law Enforcement Officer permanently housed in the courthouse, shall carry any weapon in the federal courthouses in the Western District of Michigan.

2. Depositing of Weapons. Except as otherwise provided herein or unless otherwise specifically authorized by the United States Marshal, law enforcement officers and agents shall deposit any weapon with the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officers at the screening post immediately upon entering the courthouse.

3. Exhibits. Any person bringing any weapon into the courthouse that is intended to be introduced as an exhibit shall take the weapon to the United States Marshals Service Court Security Officer at the screening post immediately upon entering the courthouse. No firearm may be taken into a courtroom unless it is first presented to the United States Marshals Service for a safety check and the Marshal or a Deputy Marshal reports to the clerk that the check has been completed and the weapon is secured.

4. Exceptions.

- A. Initial Appearances After Business Hours: A federal law enforcement officer or agent who has official custody of a federal prisoner being transported to an initial appearance is authorized to carry a weapon into the courthouse (including the courtroom whereby the initial appearance is being conducted) throughout the period he/she maintains official custody of the prisoner.
- B. Other proceedings. A correctional officer of the State of Michigan having official custody of the state prisoner required to appear in federal court is authorized to carry a weapon into the courthouse (including the courtroom where the proceeding is being conducted). The U.S. Marshals Court Security Officers will still be responsible for the protection of the Judicial officer in the hearing.
- C. Prisoner Interviews via Body Writ. A federal, state or local law enforcement officer or agent appearing for the purpose of interviewing a prisoner outside the confines of the USMS office but within the federal building is authorized to carry a weapon into the courthouse throughout the period that he/she maintains official custody of the prisoner.

DATED in Kalamazoo, MI:

June 15, 2000


RICHARD ALAN ENSLEN
Chief Judge